

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015

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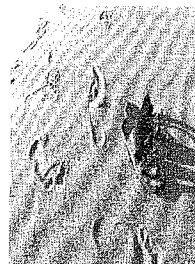
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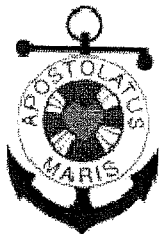
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## SEA SUNDAY 2015



Each year on Sea Sunday our thoughts and prayers go out in support of "Apostleship of The Sea, Australia" a special ministry of our Australian Church to seafarers who come to our shores each year, carrying goods to and from Australia.

In a message for Sea Sunday from the "Pontifical Council for The Pastoral Care For Migrants and Itinerant People", the 1.2 million seafarers involved in the maritime industry transporting goods and products around the world are referred to as "invisible" people. Often we overlook the importance and benefits these seafarers and their industry brings to our lives and contribute to the global economy. Often we only are aware of their work and sacrifices when disasters strike.

The **Message for this Sea Sunday also highlights how merchant ships in the Mediterranean Sea have been involved in rescuing thousands of migrants and refugees in distress trying to reach Italy as they flee violence and persecution.** Their merchant ships are not equipped to assist large numbers of people, and rescuing refugees is a health, safety and security risk, but they continue this humanitarian work of rescuing people in distress at sea under any conditions. In 2014, about 800 merchant ships rescued around 40,000 fleeing migrants. Often crews involved are left exhausted and psychologically distressed and need psychological and spiritual support. **Today let us prayerfully support all those who have helped, rescued and assisted so many desperate people and pray for political, ethnic and religious stability in the countries where so many are being displaced.**

**Here in Australia,** the work of seafarers is important for our economy and for Australia competing in the global market. Many seafarers work in difficult conditions, separated from families for long periods, some are treated unjustly. The Apostleship of The Sea provides support and advocacy for seafarers in need when they arrive in Australia, and also the facilities to make their stay in our ports friendly and welcoming. The Parish will make a donation, on behalf of all Parishioners, to this important and largely unseen ministry of the Catholic Church. If anyone wishes to donate, you can leave a donation at the Parish Office.



## PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS

O God, in Your kindness, lead all Seafarers through the perils of the ocean and bring them back in safety to their homes and friends. Guide them through the many dangers their life occasions. Inspire them to make fruitful use of the clubs and chapels Your Church has established for them, and grant that they may learn to love and follow You with strength and loyalty through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Church and God's family **Josiah Lewis Blaxland**, son of David and Gianna (nee Zanatta) being Baptised during the 8.30AM Mass this Sunday. *"By God's gift through water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to everlasting life."* (Rite of Baptism)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Edward (Ted) Monaghan (Brother of Joan McFarlane - Graveside Liturgy: Monday 2PM Monumental Section), **Giuseppa Grasso** (3.7.15 Sydney - Formerly of Severnlea), **Fr. John (Jack) Clancy** (Priest of the Toowoomba Diocese - Lourdes Home, Toowoomba - Funeral Mass 11.00AM Tuesday St. Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba), **Paulani (Lani) Zelakiewicz** (Mother of Lorelei and Dante), **Les Weber, Giovanni Gottardo, David Barker, Bruce Peter Smith, Ottavio Cattarin, Laurie Reedy, Catherine Coleman, Fr. Jeff Scully**  
**TO REMEMBER:** Vera Connolly, Antonio Minasi, Alfio Gangemi, Evelina (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv 11<sup>th</sup> July) & Nino Piovesan, Frank & Paolina Savio, Leonarda Caruso, Carmelo & Giuseppa Cala, Salvatore & Maria Cardillo & Dec Family Members, Jim & Anna Camilleri, Fr. Patrick Campbell, Fr. Neville Grundy

**FOR THE SICK:** Ken McQualter, Gloria Keats, Bro. Ed Collins OH, Marie Hindmarsh, Karen Anderson, Juan Pereira, Lisa Hopgood, Greg Keen, Trish Hancock, Julia Johnstone, Sarah Leonardi, Joe Costanzo, Danny Mahoney, Cathy Sullivan, Linda Vinciguerra, Debra Micallef, Ev Hayes, Rosemary Paget, Marie Keen, Bridey Kelly, Enid McCarthy

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Sebastiano and Concetta Cala** (Glen Aplin) who this weekend, with family and friends, are celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**. They were married in Maria SS Church della Provvidenza Macchia di Giarre Sicily on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1965. May God bless them and all couples celebrating special anniversaries this year.

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER** is conducting a campaign to increase awareness and readership of Queensland's Catholic paper, in circulation for over one hundred years, The Catholic Leader.

The local St. Vincent de Paul Society coordinates the sale of The Catholic Leader in the Parish each week, and currently thirty copies are available weekly. The weekly sales vary significantly, with sometimes a dozen copies unsold, at other times just two or three. Always try to remember to pay – just \$2 a copy.

The Catholic Leader Office are launching a campaign inviting anyone who wishes to take out a yearly subscription (to receive the print issue or receive it online). Details of how to subscribe are on **Postcards** on the tables in the foyer – fill in and return post free. **If some or many regular readers do take out a subscription there may be need to reduce the number of papers delivered for sale in the Parish each week. If you are a regular reader and will no longer be purchasing The Catholic Leader at Mass, just let Mike Bathersby, or the Parish Office know, so the regular order can be adjusted.** Many thanks. Subscription Postcards are on the tables in the foyer.

## THIS WEEK:

**MASSES:** MON: 7AM; **10.30AM MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK at CARRAMAR, College Road;** TUES: NO MASS; WED: 11.45AM; THURS: 9.15AM; FRI: 5.30PM; SAT: 7AM; **SATURDAY VIGIL:** 6.30PM; **SUNDAY:** 8.30AM

**PLEASE NOTE:** Mass at Carramar this Monday **10.30AM** instead of Tuesday.  
**NO Mass this Tuesday.**

**FEAST DAYS:** MON: *ST. HENRY*; TUES: *ST. CAMILLUS de LELLIS, Priest* ; WED *OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL*

**MEETING:** TUES: 7PM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**NEXT WEEKEND:** **THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL**  
will be held in our Parish during the two weekend Masses next weekend  
**18/19 July.**

Catholic Mission is the international mission aid agency of the Catholic Church in Australia. Locally and globally we answer the call to love God and love our neighbour. We work to establish the Reign of God. We build communities of missionary disciples of Jesus who share their faith by proclaiming the Word, serving people in need, and acting for justice and creation.

As the Australian arm of the Pontifical Mission Societies, we raise funds and form people for mission. This enables us to reach out through heroic missionaries and community leaders to help children and communities in need, and provide vital training for seminarians and other young leaders.

In Australia we provide mission formation training, overseas immersion opportunities and advocacy for children, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

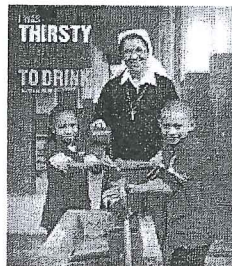
Catholic Mission internationally operates in 160 countries to support initiatives in 1,100 dioceses, including outback Australia. Grassroots needs are identified by local Catholics, so all people have the opportunity for a full, enriched life—spiritually and physically—regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender.

The Church exists to continue Jesus' saving mission on earth. The principal means for supporting the Church's work on a global scale is Catholic Mission.

The Catholic Mission Church Appeal is instrumental in establishing and sustaining parish communities, their priests and missionary sisters and brothers, as well as supporting the catechists who share their faith and lead their local faith community.

During 2014, Catholic Mission donors directly helped 536,460 children; contributed to the training of 28,455 catechists; supported over 1,300 seminarians in their journey to priesthood; and helped build and maintain 176 churches, pastoral centres and convents through which much of our ongoing community work

**There will be envelopes available for next weekend's appeal, and there will be a DVD** (in place of the Homily) with the story of Sr. Rose in Madagascar who has seen many children become ill because of a lack of clean water. The **theme** of this year's appeal is **"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."** (Mt. 25;35)



## **PREPARING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Letters were sent recently to parents of the children who will soon begin their preparation for their **First Holy Communion** on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August** at the 8.30AM Mass.

The program of preparation is as follows:

- # **19<sup>TH</sup> JULY (SUNDAY) - 6PM PARENT MEETING** in St. Joseph's Library/Administration Centre.
- # **25/26 July - Children** will be enrolled at the **Masses**.
- # **29 July/1 August – Instructions Classes** begin on Wednesday or Saturday for four weeks.
- # **1/2; 8/9; 15/16; 22/23 August – Special Rituals at Mass** each Sunday
- # **18<sup>th</sup> August - Practice and Sacrament of Reconciliation** 3.30PM in 1St. Joseph's Church.
- # **30<sup>th</sup> August – First Holy Communion** 8.30AM Mass.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**PARENT NIGHT – SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – 6PM**

**ENROLEMENT OF CHILDREN at MASSES – 12/13 September**

(PLEASE NOTE: The Parent Night and Enrolment of the Children will be prior to the School Holidays which are from 19<sup>th</sup> September – 6<sup>th</sup> October. The Instruction Classes will commence after the children have returned to School from holidays.)

# **INSTRUCTION CLASSES** on **Wednesday or Saturday** for four weeks  
**14/17 Oct; 21/24 Oct; 28/31 Oct; 4/7 Nov.**

# **FIRST RECONCILIATION – 6.30PM Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.**

Each year the Parish makes every effort to contact the parents of children who may be at an age when they can be prepared for the Sacraments. Children who are in Year Three or older are at an age where they can be prepared for the Sacraments. If you know of a child or children who are older and who have not been prepared for the Sacraments while they were younger please contact the Parish Office soon. Grandparents can sometimes be very helpful in ensuring that their grandchildren are given the opportunity to prepare for the Sacraments. Please contact Fr. Brian if you need some advice or guidance in these matters.

Thank you for what you can do in reaching out to the families with children in this pastoral matter of bringing them to the Sacraments.